

## City of Santa Barbara Building & Safety Division JESUSITA & TEA FIRE Important Information

Community Development 630 Garden Street 805-564-5485

Below is a PARTIAL list of things for you to remember as you clean up your property:

- 1) Protect yourself
  - a) Wear full length pants and shirt sleeves.
  - b) Wear a good sturdy shoe. (steel shank or toes if you can)
  - c) Wear gloves.
  - d) Wear a mask or respirator. The possibility of asbestos in the debris is high.
  - e) Try and wet down the debris before you lift it off the ground.
  - f) Wear a hat and/or sunscreen.
- 2) Don't cut down non-burnt vegetation. This will help keep the soil stabilized.
  - a) If a dead tree is a City owned tree, contact the Parks Dept before cutting it down.
- 3) Don't remove root systems from dead vegetation until you are ready to replace it. This will also help keep the soil stabilized.
- 4) Be aware of your surroundings.
  - a) It is easy to trip over debris or slip on un-secure piles of debris.
  - b) Watch for overhead hanging debris.
  - c) Be careful of the edge of slopes, they will be extra unstable now.
- 5) Bring plenty of fluids and food/snacks with you.
- 6) While the clean-up needs to get done quickly, pace yourself. Don't get so sore you can't come back the next day.
- 7) Bring some shade and chairs.
  - a) An umbrella or folding canopy and seating underneath for breaks!
- 8) Bring towels and extra water to wash your hands and face with. This will also help you from overheating.
- 9) Use common sense. If an item is too heavy to lift, don't!